# EVERTZ TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the First Ouarter ended July 31, 2022

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis is a review of results of the operations and the liquidity and capital resources of the Company. It should be read in conjunction with the selected consolidated financial information and other data and the Company's consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes contained on SEDAR. The consolidated financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and are presented in Canadian dollars. The fiscal year of the Company ends on April 30 of each year. Certain information contained herein is forward-looking and based upon assumptions and anticipated results that are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors. Should one or more of these uncertainties materialize or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from those expected.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The report contains forward-looking statements reflecting Evertz's objectives, estimates and expectations. Such forward-looking statements use words such as "may", "will", "expect", "believe", "anticipate", "plan", "intend", "project", "continue" and other similar terminology of a forward-looking nature or negatives of those terms.

Although management of the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, all forward-looking statements address matters that involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Accordingly, there are or will be a number of significant factors which could cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

The report is based on information available to management on September 13, 2022.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Evertz is a leading solutions provider to the television broadcast, telecommunications and new-media industries. Founded in 1966, Evertz is a leading supplier of software, equipment and technology solutions to content creators, broadcasters, specialty channels and television service providers. Evertz designs, manufactures and markets video and audio infrastructure solutions for the production, post-production and transmission of television content. The Company's solutions are purchased by content creators, broadcasters, specialty channels and television service providers to support their increasingly complex multi-channel digital and high definition television ("HDTV/Ultra HD") and next generation high bandwidth low latency IP network environments and by telecommunications and new-media companies. The Company's products allow its customers to generate additional revenue while reducing costs through efficient signal routing, distribution, monitoring and management of content as well as the automation and orchestration of more streamlined and agile workflow processes on premise and in the "Cloud".

The Company made early research and development investments to establish itself as the leading supplier to the broadcast industry addressing the ongoing technical transition to IP and IT based production, workflow and distribution systems helping to create more efficient and agile workflows enabling the proliferation of high quality video emerging Ultra HD, High Dynamic range initiatives. The Company has maintained its track record of rapid innovation; is a leader in the expanding Internet Protocol Television

("IPTV") market and a leader in Software Defined Video Network ("SDVN") technology. The Company is committed to maintaining its leadership position, and as such, a significant portion of the Company's staff is focused on research and development to ensure that the Company's products are at the forefront of the industry. This commitment contributes to the Company being consistently recognized as a leading broadcast and video networking industry innovator by its customers.

## **QUARTER END HIGHLIGHTS**

Revenue was \$101.5 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022; an increase of \$4.3 million, when compared to \$97.2 million for the same period ended July 31, 2021.

For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, net earnings were \$13.9 million, a decrease from \$14.7 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021. Fully diluted earnings per share were \$0.18 a decrease from \$0.19 in the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, foreign exchange gain during the quarter was \$1.0 million, compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$1.4 million for the first quarter July 31, 2021.

Gross margin during the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 was 57.6%, compared to 58.3% in the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

Selling and administrative expenses for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 was \$12.9 million as compared to the first quarter ended July 31, 2021 of \$14.0 million. As a percentage of revenue, selling and administrative expenses totaled 12.7% for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 compared to 14.4% for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

Research and development expenses were \$28.3 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 as compared to \$24.7 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

# **Selected Consolidated Financial Information**

(in thousands of dollars except earnings per share and share data)

	onths ended 31, 2022	 nonths ended 31, 2021
Revenue	\$ 101,538	\$ 97,165
Cost of goods sold	43,014	40,479
Gross margin	58,524	56,686
Expenses		
Selling and administrative	12,892	13,957
General	1,096	1,111
Research and development	28,333	24,680
Investment tax credits	(3,189)	(2,944)
Share based compensation	1,119	998
Foreign exchange gain	(1,031)	(1,429)
	39,220	36,373
Earnings before undernoted	19,304	20,313
Finance income	153	83
Finance costs	(318)	(318)
Investment in an associate	(348)	(330)
Other income and expenses	128	12
Earnings before income taxes	18,919	19,760
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes		
Current	6,639	7,801
Deferred	(1,650)	(2,729)
	4,989	5,072
Net earnings for the period	\$ 13,930	\$ 14,688
Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interest	\$ 89	\$ 141_
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	13,841	14,547
Net earnings for the period	\$ 13,930	\$ 14,688
Earnings per share		
Basic	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19
Diluted	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19

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	As At	As At
	July 31, 2022	April 30, 2022
Cash and marketable securities	\$ 36,659	\$ 33,902
Inventory	\$ 192,251	\$ 177,268
Working capital	\$ 159,327	\$ 158,947
Total assets	\$ 441,895	\$ 420,979
Shareholders' equity	\$ 230,182	\$ 230,938
Number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	76,226,196	76,229,696
Fully-diluted	82,261,446	81,285,196
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:		
Basic	76,228,014	76,266,341
Fully-diluted	76,408,281	76,570,564

Consolidated Statement of Operations Data					
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	Three months ended	Three months ended
	July 31, 2022	July 31, 2021
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of goods sold	42.4%	41.7%
Gross margin	57.6%	58.3%
Expenses		
Selling and administrative	12.7%	14.4%
General	1.1%	1.1%
Research and development	27.9%	25.4%
Investment tax credits	(3.1%)	(3.0%)
Share based compensation	1.1%	1.0%
Foreign exchange gain	(1.0%)	(5.5%)
	38.7%	37.4%
Earnings before undernoted	18.9%	20.9%
Finance income	0.2%	0.1%
Finance costs	(0.3%)	(0.3%)
Investment in an associate	(0.3%)	(0.3%)
Other income and expenses	0.1%	0.0%
Earnings before income taxes	18.6%	20.4%
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes		
Current	6.5%	8.0%
Deferred	(1.6%)	(2.8%)
2444	4.9%	5.2%
Net earnings for the period	13.7%	15.1%
Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interest	0.1%	0.1%
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	13.6%	15.0%
Net earnings for the period	13.7%	15.1%
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Earnings per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19
Diluted	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19

## **REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

#### Revenue

The Company generates revenue principally from the sale of software, equipment, and technology solutions to content creators, broadcasters, specialty channels, television service providers, government and corporate.

The Company markets and sells its products and services through both direct and indirect sales strategies. The Company's direct sales efforts focus on large and complex end-user customers. These customers have long sales cycles typically ranging from four to eight months before an order may be received by the Company for fulfillment.

The Company monitors revenue performance in two main geographic regions: (i) United States/Canada and (ii) International.

The Company currently generates approximately 70% to 80% of its revenue in the United States/Canada. The Company recognizes the opportunity to more aggressively target markets in other geographic regions and intends to invest in personnel and infrastructure in those markets.

While a significant portion of the Company's expenses are denominated in Canadian dollars, the Company collects substantially all of its revenues in currencies other than the Canadian dollar and therefore has significant exposure to fluctuations in foreign currencies, in particular the US dollar. Approximately 75% to 90% of the Company's revenues are denominated in US dollars.

#### Revenue

(In thousands of Canadian dollars)	ee months ended July 31, 2022	-	Three months ended July 31, 2021	% Increase (Decrease)
United States/Canada	\$ 78,207	\$	64,412	21%
International	23,331		32,753	(29%)
	\$ 101,538	\$	97,165	5%

Total revenue for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 was \$101.5 million, an increase of \$4.3 million or 5% as compared to revenue of \$97.2 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

Revenue in the United States/Canada region was \$78.2 million for the period ended July 31, 2022, an increase of \$13.8 million or 21% when compared to revenue of \$64.4 million for the period ended July 31, 2021.

Revenue in the International region was \$23.3 million for the period ended July 31, 2022, a decrease of \$9.5 million or 29% as compared to revenue of \$32.8 million for the period ended July 31, 2021.

#### Cost of Sales

Cost of sales consists primarily of costs of manufacturing and assembly of products. A substantial portion of these costs is represented by components and compensation costs for the manufacture and assembly of products as well as inventory obsolescence and write-offs. Cost of sales also includes related overhead, certain depreciation, final assembly, quality assurance, inventory management and support costs. Cost of sales also includes the costs of providing services to clients, primarily the cost of service-related personnel.

## Gross Margin

(In thousands of Canadian dollars, except for percentages)	e months ended uly 31, 2022	e months ended uly 31, 2021	% Increase (Decrease)
Gross margin	\$ 58,524	\$ 56,686	3%
Gross margin % of sales	57.6%	58.3%	

Gross margin for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 was \$58.5 million, compared to \$56.7 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021. As a percentage of revenue, the gross margin was 57.6% for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 compared to 58.3% for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

Gross margins vary depending on the product mix, manufacturing volumes, geographic distribution, competitive pricing pressures and currency fluctuations. The pricing environment continues to be very competitive with substantial discounting by our competition.

Gross margins vary depending on the product mix, manufacturing volumes, geographic distribution, competitive pricing pressures and currency fluctuations. During fiscal 2022, a global supply chain disruption, including a global semi conductor chip shortage has caused the Company to experience unstable procurement capabilities leading to increased lead times and increased component costs. The Company has taken proactive steps to minimize the impact, resulting in \$15.0 million increase in raw materials since April 30, 2022. The pricing environment continues to be very competitive with substantial discounting by our competition.

The Company expects that it will continue to experience competitive pricing pressures. The Company continually seeks to build its products more efficiently and enhance the value of its product and service offerings in order to reduce the risk of declining gross margin associated with the competitive environment.

#### **Operating Expenses**

The Company's operating expenses consist of: (i) selling, administrative and general; (ii) research and development and (iii) foreign exchange.

Selling expenses primarily relate to remuneration of sales and technical personnel. Other significant cost components include trade show costs, advertising and promotional activities, demonstration material and sales support. Selling and administrative expenses relate primarily to remuneration costs of related personnel, legal and professional fees, occupancy and other corporate and overhead costs. The Company also records certain depreciation and amortization charges as general expenses. For the most part, selling, and administrative expenses are fixed in nature and do not fluctuate directly with revenue. The Company has certain selling expenses that tend to fluctuate in regards to the timing of trade shows.

The Company invests in research and development to maintain its position in the markets it currently serves and to enhance its product portfolio with new functionality and efficiencies. Although the Company's research and development expenditures do not fluctuate directly with revenues, it monitors this spending in relation to revenues and adjusts expenditures when appropriate. Research and development expenditures consist primarily of personnel costs and material costs. Research and development expenses are presented on a gross basis (without deduction of research and development tax credits). Research and development tax credits associated with research and development expenditures are shown separately under research and development tax credits.

## Selling and Administrative

(In thousands of Canadian dollars, except for percentages)	e months ended uly 31, 2022	e months ended uly 31, 2021	% Increase (Decrease)
Selling and administrative	\$ 12,892	\$ 13,957	(8%)
Selling and administrative % of sales	12.7%	14.4%	

Selling and administrative expenses excludes stock based compensation, depreciation and amortization of intangibles. Selling and administrative expenses for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 were \$12.9 million or 12.7% of revenue, as compared to selling and administrative expenses of \$14.0 million or 14.4% of revenue for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

#### Share Based Compensation

In March 2016, the Company adopted a cash based restricted share unit (RSU) plan to attract, motivate and compensate persons who are integral to the growth and success of the Company. During the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, share based compensation expense associated with the plan was \$0.7 million, as compared to \$0.5 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021. In June 2022, the Company adopted an equity based restricted share unit plan, subject to shareholder approval. During the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, share based compensation expense associated with the plan was \$0.1 million.

## Research and Development (R&D)

(In thousands of Canadian dollars, except for percentages)	e months ended July 31, 2022	e months ended uly 31, 2021	% Increase (Decrease)
Research and development expenses	\$ 28,333	\$ 24,680	15%
Research and development % of sales	27.9%	25.4%	

Research and development expenses excluded stock based compensation but includes depreciation. For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, gross R&D expenses were \$28.3 million, an increase of \$3.7 million as compared to an expense of \$24.7 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021. \$2.8 million of the increase is attributable to increased salary costs due to increased headcount and wage increases.

#### Investment Tax Credits

For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, investment tax credits were \$3.2 million compared to \$2.9 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

## Foreign Exchange

For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, the foreign exchange gain was \$1.0 million, as compared to a foreign exchange gain for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021 of \$1.4 million. The gain was predominantly driven by the increase in value of the US dollar against the Canadian dollar since April 30, 2022.

#### Investment in Associate, Finance Income, Finance Costs, Other Income and Expenses

For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, a loss of \$0.3 million was incurred in relation to the Company's share of losses in DDSports, Inc. an investment in an associate. For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, finance income, finance costs, other income and expenses netted to a loss of less than \$0.1 million.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Liquidity and Capital Resources			
(in thousands of dollars except ratios)		As at	As at
Key Balance Sheet Amounts and Ratios:	Jι	ıly 31, 2022	April 30, 2022
Cash and marketable securities	\$	36,659	\$ 33,902
Working capital	\$	159,327	\$ 158,947
Long-term assets	\$	88,866	\$ 92,338
Days sales outstanding in accounts receivable		80	83

Statement of Cash Flow Summary	Three	Three months ended		
		July 31, 2022		July 31, 2021
Operating activities	\$	19,260	\$	37,998
Investing activities	\$	(12,919)	\$	(1,112)
Financing activities	\$	(15,061)	\$	(15,107)
Net (decrease) increase in cash	\$	(8,318)	\$	22,848

## **Operating Activities**

For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, the Company generated cash from operations of \$19.3 million, compared to \$38.0 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021. Excluding the effects of the changes in non-cash working capital and current taxes, the Company generated cash from operations of \$17.7 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021 compared to \$17.3 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2021.

## **Investing Activities**

The Company used cash for investing activities of \$12.9 million for the first quarter ended July 31, 2022 which was principally driven by the acquisition of marketable securities of \$11.0 million and capital assets of \$1.9 million.

## Financing Activities

For the first quarter ended July 31, 2022, the Company used cash from financing activities of \$15.1 million, which was principally driven by dividends paid of \$13.7 million.

## **WORKING CAPITAL**

As at July 31, 2022, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$25.6 million, compared to \$33.9 million as at April 30, 2022.

The Company had working capital of \$159.3 million as at July 31, 2022 compared to \$158.9 million as at April 30, 2022.

Notwithstanding the uncertainty surrounding the impact of the pandemic, the Company believes that the current balance in cash plus future cash flow from operations will be sufficient to finance growth and related investment and financing activities in the foreseeable future.

Day sales outstanding in accounts receivable were 80 days at July 31, 2022 as compared to 83 as at April 30, 2022.

#### SHARE CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Authorized capital stock consists of an unlimited number of common and preferred shares.

	As at July 31, 2022	As at April 30, 2022
Common shares	76,226,196	76,229,696
Restricted share units granted and outstanding	1,063,750	-
Stock options granted and outstanding	4,971,500	5,055,500

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and long- term debt. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The Company estimates the fair value of these instruments approximates the carrying values as listed below.

## Fair Values and Classification of Financial Instruments:

The following summarizes the significant methods and assumptions used in estimating the fair values of financial instruments:

- I. Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- II. Inputs other than quoted prices included in level I that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and long-term debt fair value measurements have been measured within level II.
- III. Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

## **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

The following table sets forth the Company's contractual obligations as at July 31, 2022:

	Payments Due by Period												
(In thousands)		Total	Less t	han 1 Year		2-3 Years	4	-5 Years	Thereafter				
Lease commitments	\$	30,802	\$	6,050	\$	9,840	\$	8,247	\$	6,665			
Redemption liabilities		3,459		3,459		-		-		-			
	\$	34,261	\$	9,509	\$	9,840	\$	8,247	\$	6,665			

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET FINANCING

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the normal course of business, we may enter into transactions with related parties. These transactions occur under market terms consistent with the terms of transactions with unrelated arms-length second parties. The Company continues to lease a premise from a company in which two shareholders' each indirectly hold a 16% interest, continues to lease a facility from a company in which two shareholders each indirectly hold a 20% interest, continues to lease three facilities for manufacturing where two shareholders indirectly own 100% interest, continues to lease a facility from a company in which two shareholders each

indirectly own a 35% interest, and continues to lease a facility where two shareholders each indirectly own 46.6%.

## SELECTED CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following table sets out selected consolidated financial information for each of the eight quarters ended July 31, 2022. In the opinion of management, this information has been prepared on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements. The operating results for any quarter should not be relied upon as any indication of results for any future period.

Quarter Ending																
(In thousands)	2022					2021								2020		
(Unaudited)		July 31		Apr 30		Jan 31		Oct 31		July 31		Apr 30		Jan 31		Oct 31
Revenue	\$	101,538	\$	116,089	\$	120,563	\$	107,199	\$	97,165	\$	93,293	\$	92,776	\$	100,482
Cost of goods sold		43,014		47,749		51,351		46,122		40,479		37,735		40,793		40,823
Gross margin	\$	58,524	\$	68,340	\$	69,212	\$	61,077	\$	56,686	\$	55,558	\$	51,983	\$	59,659
Operating expenses		39,220		41,477		38,885		37,377		36,373		41,503		37,659		30,986
Earnings from operations	\$	19,304	\$	26,863	\$	30,327	\$	23,700	\$	20,313	\$	14,055	\$	14,324	\$	28,673
Non-operating income		(385)		(1,030)		(1,429)		(279)		(553)		1,138		(298)		(555)
Earnings before taxes	\$	18,919	\$	25,833	\$	28,898	\$	23,421	\$	19,760	\$	12,917	\$	14,026	\$	28,118
Net earnings	\$	13,841	\$	18,957	\$	21,250	\$	16,991	\$	14,547	\$	9,954	\$	10,272	\$	21,048
Net earnings per share:																
Basic	\$	0.18	\$	0.25	\$	0.28	\$	0.22	\$	0.19	\$	0.13	\$	0.13	\$	0.28
Diluted	\$	0.18	\$	0.25	\$	0.28	\$	0.22	\$	0.19	\$	0.13	\$	0.13	\$	0.28
Dividends per share:	\$	0.18	\$	0.18	\$	0.18	\$	1.18	\$	0.18	\$	0.18	\$	0.18	\$	0.09

The Company's revenue and corresponding earnings can vary from quarter to quarter depending on the delivery requirements of our customers. Our customers can be influenced by a variety of factors including upcoming sports or entertainment events as well as their access to capital. Net earnings represent net earnings attributable to shareholders.

#### DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in National Instrument 52-109 of the Canadian Securities Administrators) as of July 31, 2022.

Management has concluded that, as of July 31, 2022, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company would be made known to them by others within the Company, particularly during the period in which this report was being prepared.

## INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for and has designed internal controls over financial reporting, or caused it to be designed under management's supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. Management has concluded that, as of July 31, 2022, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting were effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

#### CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There have been no changes to the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the period ended July 31, 2021 that have materially affected, or reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal controls over financial reporting.

On May 15, 2013 the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") released *Internal Control-Integrated Framework: 2013*, which is an update to the internal control framework previously issued in 1992. Management is currently operating under the 1992 Framework and is transitioning to the updated Framework. While no significant changes to the Company's internal control system are expected to result from the transition, any modifications to such expectation will be reported by the Company within the following MD&A.

#### **OUTLOOK**

While the Company believes the pandemic to be temporary, and the Company has shown improvement since the first quarter of fiscal 2021, the situation is fluid and the impact of the pandemic on future operations and results, including the impact on overall customer demands is inherently uncertain at this time. Although the Company is an essential service provider and has increased health and safety protocols to continue operations, widespread customer delays, travel restrictions and the postponement or cancellation of sporting as well as other live events and various other related projects will have an adverse effect on the Company's revenues and financial results in future quarters. Given the uncertainty regarding the situation, it cannot reasonably estimate the severity of any such impact at this time. The Company believes the situation is temporary and is well positioned to benefit from an economic revival and the industry transition to IP and Cloud based solutions. The Company will continue to maintain the financial flexibility needed to fund working capital needs and investment opportunities in the foreseeable future. Gross margin percentages may vary depending on the impact of the pandemic on operations, mix of products sold, the Company's success in winning more complete projects, utilization of manufacturing capacity and the competitiveness of the pricing environment. R&D will continue to be a key focus as the Company continues to invest in new product developments despite the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic.

#### RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company risk factors are outlined in our AIF filed on SEDAR.